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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 33 and 35-41 are amended, as shown below. A complete listing of the claims, including their current status, is provided below.

1. **(Previously presented)** A reagent composition comprising:
a tetrazolium dye;
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and
a flavin agent in an amount effective to stabilize said composition.
2. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said flavin agent is flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD).
3. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said Group IIIA agent is a borate or boric acid.
4. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said reagent composition comprises an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.
5. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.
6. **(Original)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.
7. **(Previously presented)** The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said phenazine agent is phenazine ethosulfate (PES).

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8. (Original) The composition according to Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.

9. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is a fluid composition.

10. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is a dry composition.

11-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) The method composition of claim 1, wherein said flavin agent and said tetrazolium dye are present at a molar ratio of about 0.02 to about 17.

34. (Previously presented) A reagent composition comprising:
a tetrazolium dye;
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and
a Group IIIA compound in an amount effective to stabilize said composition;
wherein said Group IIIA compound and said tetrazolium dye are present at a molar ratio of about 50 to about 800.

35. (Currently amended) The composition according to Claim 34, Claim 1, wherein said reagent composition comprises an analyte oxidizing signal producing system.

36. (Currently amended) The composition according to Claim 35, Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte oxidase.

37. (Currently amended) The composition according to Claim 35, Claim 4, wherein said analyte oxidizing signal producing system comprises an analyte dehydrogenase.

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38. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, Claim 4; wherein said phenazine agent is PES.

39. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 35, Claim 4; wherein said analytic oxidizing signal producing system further comprises an enzyme cofactor.

40. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, Claim 1; wherein said composition is a fluid composition.

41. **(Currently amended)** The composition according to Claim 34, Claim 1; wherein said composition is a dry composition.

42. **(Previously presented)** A reagent composition comprising:
a tetrazolium dye;
a phenazine electron transfer agent; and
a Group IIIA compound and a flavin stabilizing agent.